

# UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## INFORMAL BRIEF

**DIRECTIONS:** *Answer the following questions about your appeal to the best of your ability. Use additional pages of paper if necessary. You need not limit your brief solely to this form, but you should be certain that any brief you file contains answers to the questions below. The Court prefers short and direct statements.*

**1. Jurisdiction:** What order(s) of the district court are you appealing?

What is the date of the order(s)?

When did you file your notice of appeal?

**2. Statement of the case:** Explain the proceedings in the district court (i.e. what the district court did in deciding your case).

3. **Statement of facts:** Explain the facts and events that caused you to file your complaint in the district court.

- 4. Statement of related cases:** Have you filed an appeal in this case before? If so, give title of case and docket number.

Do you have any cases related to this case pending in the district court or the court of appeals? If so give title of case and docket number.

- 5.** Did the district court incorrectly decide the facts of your case? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what facts?

6. Did the district court apply the wrong law (either cases or statutes)? \_\_\_\_  
If so, what law do you want applied?

7. Are there any other reasons why the district court's judgment was wrong? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, briefly state these reasons.

8. What action do you want the Court of Appeals to take in this case?

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**You may attach any documents filed in the district court that you think the court of appeals must see in order to decide your appeal. Please keep in mind that the entire district court record is transmitted to the court of appeals and is available for the court's review. You must attach copies of the district court docket entries, the opinion and order appealed, and the notice of appeal. Documents not admitted in the district court may not be submitted to the court of appeals without permission of the court.**

**IMPORTANT: IF YOU ARE PROCEEDING PROCEEDING IN FORMA PAUPERIS, YOU MUST FILE AN ORIGINAL AND THREE (3) COPIES OF THIS BRIEF AND ANY ATTACHMENTS WITH THE CLERK. IF YOU HAVE PAID THE DOCKETING FEE, YOU MUST FILE AN ORIGINAL AND TEN (10) COPIES OF THIS BRIEF AND ANY ATTACHMENTS WITH THE CLERK. A COPY OF THIS BRIEF AND ANY ATTACHMENTS MUST ALSO BE SENT TO ALL OPPOSING PARTIES. YOU MUST CERTIFY ON THE**

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I certify that on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) I mailed a copy of this brief and all attachments via first class mail to the following parties **at the addresses listed below**:

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In addition to the above proof of service all litigants who are currently institutionalized or incarcerated should include the following statement on all documents to be filed with this Court:

I certify that this document was given to prison officials on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) for forwarding to the Court of Appeals. I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. 28 U.S.C. §1746.

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Signature

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_